

ACE AGM 18th March 2025

Present: Core team: Louie Young, Lee Munroe, Kevin Green, Sue Green, Johnnie, David Evans, Rob Goodley

Public: Nicky Green, Adam Dewhurst, Nigel Moulton, Claire Barclay, Gerard Barclay, Brian Leathers, Wendy Walters, Keith Cornell, Peter Walker

Apologies: Mari Jari, Kim Greenwood

1. Minutes of Previous AGM

- a. Matters arising - Who is the current Alton Towers contact?
- b. Signed by Louie

2. Chair's report

- a. Huge Thanks to Jonathan Shepherd for all the work he has done over the years, he has stepped down from ACE
- b. Louie summarised what ACE did over the previous year
 - i. Open Gardens - very successful Will be added into a regular roster of events, maybe biannually.
 - ii. Made in Altonish - small but well received, intend to do again with similar format but later in the year. The produce show whilst small was still really good and now we have the framework of it, we can grow and develop this further.
 - iii. Apple Day - most successful, some new ideas maybe for this year especially re junior apple wanging. New cake trophies hand crafted by Kevin. Not as many bake off entries as we would have liked, so will need to review this and see how to get more people involved this year
 - iv. Advent Calendar - 27 different events 19 especially for the calendar good spread of events & already planning one for this year as last year was very last minute. Especially collaborative events this year & avoiding clashes

3. Financial Report

a.

Event	Income	Expenditure	Profit/(loss)
Open Gardens	£940.00	£497.00	£443.00
Alton Ish festival	£672.00	£482.50	£189.50
Apple Day	£2,416.20	£851.35	£1564.85
Advent Calendar	0	£123.00	(£123.00)
All events Total	£4028.20	£1953.85	£2074.35

Misc		Expenditure	
Insurance		£443.20	
Web site hosting		£77.00	

- b. Cash in Bank £2,395
- Cash in hand £470
- Closing balance £2,865

- c. Less posters suggested - on a cost & environmental basis (mix of paper & laminated)
- d. Need to be aware of turnover being under £5000, at which point we will need to register as a small charity

4. Election of Committee & Trustees

- a. Chair Louie Young Proposed by David /2nded by Sue
 - b. Treasurer Kevin Green Proposed by Louie/2nded by Johnnie
 - c. Secretary Sue Green Proposed by Rob/ 2nded by Kevin
 - d. Additional Trustee Johnnie Hall Proposed by David/ 2nded by Rob
- Elected by a unanimous vote

5. Plans for this year

- a. **Litter pick.** Saturday 12th April 11am meet at White Hart
 - i. Free burgers for litter pickers at 1pm at white Hart
 - ii. Nigel Moulton has arranged litter pickers & bags/collection
- b. **Ve day 80th**
 - i. ACE does not plan to hold a street party but will speak to the White Hart as it's understood they are planning something to see if they need any support.
 - ii. It is understood that the Parish Council have applied for a Grant for an event
- c. **Made in Alton ish**
 - i. Sunday 31st August
- d. **Apple Day**
 - i. Saturday 18th October
- e. **Carols**
 - i. ACE will be leading this event at the RoundHouse - date to be confirmed
- f. **Advent Calendar** - December - similar to last year
- g. **ACE supported events**
 - i. Alton Trail Runners run in September
 - ii. Pugin After Dark event in early 2026

6. Suggestions/questions from the floor

- a. There was a query as to why the village Hall events weren't included - it was explained that it was because these were not free events and were ticketed. There was concern from one attendee that ACE should try to support fundraising at the village hall. ACE always pays to hire the hall and invites the hall to participate in events to showcase itself or fundraise.
- b. There was a query over where ACE money is spent - this is all put towards future events in the village, insurance and equipment as detailed on the ACE website <https://www.altoncommunityevents.com/>. Often funding the music for the next event.
- c. The Advent calendar was much enjoyed and although one feedback re too many events and carols it was generally felt that it was great to see all the events and groups staging them in the village giving people the ability to choose the ones they wanted to/were able to attend.
- d. Regular litter pick? - may be a good idea
- e. A query from new residents as to what ACE is/does was explained and they were welcomed.